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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12-18, 20-23, 28-30, 32-35, 37-39, 42 and 44-65 are pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination on the merits in view of the amendments to Claims 54 and 55 and the following remarks.

#### **Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Allowance of Claims 32-33 and 44-45. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability of Claims 13-18, 20-23, 28-30, 43 and 46-52. Although Claims 47-52 were indicated as allowed in the Office Action, Claims 47-52 are dependent claims. Accordingly, Applicant assumes that Claims 47-52 are allowable and were intended to be indicated as objected to in the office action. Applicant respectfully requests confirmation of Applicant's assumption in subsequent correspondence.

#### **Claims 13-18, 20-23 and 28-30**

Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the limitations of Claim 1. In addition, Claim 13 has been amended to be broader than original Claim 13. In the office action, Claim 13 was indicated as allowable if amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 13 is now allowable. Claims 14-18 and 20-23 depend from independent Claim 13 and are therefore also allowable for the same reason.

#### **The Response to Amendment**

In the office action mailed July 13, 2005, the reply filed on April 4, 2005 was object to for not being fully responsive to the prior Office Action because Applicant failed to explicitly indicate how the new Claims 53-65 were readable on the elected species. In the response mailed October 1, 2004, Applicant elected with traverse Species V – Figures 10-11, Species I – Figures 12-13, and Species II – Figure 17. Claims 53-65 read on the elected species as follows:

Claims 53, 62-65 are readable on Species I – Figures 12-13

Claims 54-58 are readable on Species V – Figures 10-11

Claims 59-61 are readable on Species II – Figure 17

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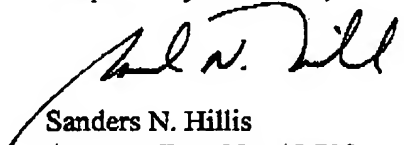
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Claim 54

Claim 54 has been amended to clarify that the first and second speakers are coupled to the seatback, and that the sound barrier is coupled to project outwardly from the seatback and interposed between the first speaker and the second speaker to maintain separation of sound waves to be emanated from the respective first and second speakers. None of the cited prior art teaches, suggests or discloses the limitation described in amended Claims 54-55.

Applicant believes that the pending Claims of the present application are allowable in their present form, and that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner so find and issue a Notice of Allowance in due course. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting examination and/or allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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